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THE COVER

Our men in white, deep in "shop talk" over their cokes, are seemingly oblivious to the "once over" of a gal with Leap Year intentions. Med students Ira Kaufman, Sandy Campbell, Jay Olsen, Bob Lee, and William Riker were only too happy to help us get this Leap Year warning over to the other lads at the Center, even though three of them *are* married. As for our cover girl, Betsy Peters, secretary in the Volunteer Department — we don't think she'll have any trouble in '52.

Notes from The Director's Office

In keeping with the spirit of the "inventory" season, we recently took stock of some solemn resolutions we had made annually for the past several years. We were particularly disturbed to note that once again we had failed to adhere to our perennial resolve "to get out from behind the desk" and visit the various nursing units, clinics, laboratories and service departments. On thinking it over, it became apparent that the reason for our failure lay in the fact that, while innumerable committee meetings and conferences were carefully scheduled in advance, the "visiting" was always left to "when we could get to it." Unfortunately, that time rarely arrived.

Accordingly we determined that in the future we would set aside the hour from 10 to 11 every Thursday morning

as a regularly scheduled "visiting hour." The only exception would be the one Thursday morning each month on which the department heads meeting is held.

We plan to visit one or several departments or units each week. In this way we hope to return to each of them several times during the course of the year. We intend to get to know better the people "on the firing line" and to appreciate more fully their satisfactions as well as their problems. If this should enable us to lend greater assistance in the solution of even a few of these problems, we will feel that our purpose has been fulfilled and our time will have been well spent.

Henry N. Pratt, M.D.

Nursing Alumnae End Private Duty Registry

After more than 52 years of providing private duty nurses for patients of this Hospital, the Nurses' Registry, operated by the Alumnae Association of our School of Nursing, discontinued operations on January 7. Steadily declining enrollment and increased operating costs made this step necessary, according to Dorothy McMullan, assistant head of the Out-Patient Nursing Service, who is president of the Alumnae Association.

To take its place, a private duty Nurses' Registry is being operated by the Hospital as a function of the Private Patients' Nursing Department and has its headquarters in Room F-1220. All requests for private duty nurses should now be directed to Ext. 524.

Paying tribute to the Alumnae Registry for its "long years of service and cooperation in behalf of the Hospital's patients," Dr. Henry N. Pratt, director, said that this discontinuance has been accepted "with deep regret and grateful appreciation."

Miss Marguerite Plow, Class of '30, in charge of the Registry since 1947, has been appointed to the newly created position of executive secretary of the Nursing School's Alumnae Association. Miss McMullan announced. Her headquarters will be the former Registry office, NR-107.

Dr. John Evans Named Acting Radiology Chief

Dr. John A. Evans has been named acting radiologist-in-chief of the Hospital.

A graduate of Cornell University Medical College, Class of 1935, Dr. Evans serves on the faculty as assistant professor of radiology.

Dr. Evans has been on the staff of NYH at various times since 1937. From 1937 to 1940 he was a junior assistant attending surgeon. During World War II, he saw service with our medical unit, the Ninth General Hospital, in this country and later served with various other hospital units in the Mediterranean Theatre. He has been a member of our radiology staff since 1945. Dr. Evans served as director of radiology at St. Clare's Hospital from November, 1949, to April, 1951.

Any Numbers, Please?

Although the new Center telephone directory only came out in November, a supplement listing 45 additions and changes has already been issued.

Further supplements will be issued from time to time as the need arises. To report additions and changes for the directory, call ext. 341.

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Medical College Gets \$2,549,000 Gift To Build New Student Residence



An artist's conception of the new residence for Cornell University Medical College students to be erected at 69th Street and York Avenue. It will be known as F. W. Olin Hall. The drawing shows the 69th Street entrance to the building. The architect will be Rogers and Butler of New York.

Dr. F. Kennedy Dies

Dr. Foster Kennedy, consultant in neurology and professor of clinical medicine (neurology), at the Center died on January 7 after a brief illness. He was sixty-seven.

In an obituary, The New York Times paid tribute to Dr. Kennedy as a "scholar and a wit, connoisseur and philosopher, an accomplished orator and raconteur" as well as "one of the leading medical personalities of the United States and the world."

"The medical fraternity came to regard him as a modern version of a Delphic oracle who always could be counted upon to highlight the essence of a subject with a trenchant quotable phrase," said the Times.

Dr. Kennedy was a former secretary of the New York Academy of Medicine and a former president of the American and New York Neurological Societies.

His widow and two daughters survive.

Dr. Willard Supervises Staff-Student Health

Dr. Harold Nelson Willard has assumed the duties of director of the Employees', Nurses' and Medical Students' Health Services. He has also joined the faculty of Cornell University Medical College as assistant professor of preventive medicine.

Dr. Willard succeeds Dr. Fred Kern, Jr., who headed the Employees' and Nurses' Health Service and was an instructor in the Medical College. Dr. Kern has gone to Denver, Colo. to become director of a new comprehensive care program at Denver General Hospital and to join the faculty of the University of Colorado Medical School.

No stranger to the Center, Dr. Willard served a residency in medicine here from 1946-48. Previous to his return here he was in practice in Hudson, N. Y. with the Rip Van Winkle Clinic and was a member of the faculty of Albany Medical School.

A gift of \$2,549,000 to build a 12-story student residence for the Cornell University Medical College was announced on Jan. 9 at a mid-year convocation of students, faculty and alumni held in the college auditorium.

The funds are a gift of the Olin Foundation, Inc. of 1 East 44th St. which was set up in 1940 by the late Franklin W. Olin of Alton, Ill., a Cornell engineering alumnus, who made his fortune in chemicals, explosives and allied fields. Mr. Olin, who died last year at the age of 91, was a Cornell trustee.

The building, to be named F. W. Olin Hall in his honor, will be erected at the northwest corner of York Avenue and East Sixty-Ninth Street on a plot 100 by 175 feet, directly opposite the Medical College entrance. A two-story brick garage now stands on the property which is owned by the college. The tenant, Metropolitan Distributors, Inc., which occupies the garage on a month-to-month basis at present, has been informed that it must move by June 1 when demolition work will get under way. It is hoped that the dormitory can be completed early in 1954 if the Medical College can get priorities for building materials through the United States Office of Education.

Under city and state laws, deadline for the use of the three former Navy barracks where men students now live is June 30, 1954. These barracks were obtained from the Federal Government after World War II. At the time that the Center was built in 1932, a student residence was not included because plenty of rooms were available in the neighborhood. During the War, with the attendant shortage of nurses, space was made available to both men and women medical students in the Annex of the Nurses' Residence. Women medical students have continued to live there.

As envisioned by a planning committee, the new residence will provide accommodations for the college's normal enrollment of 330 men and women students. Preliminary specifications call for a building containing 275 rooms, 250 of them intended for students and the others for the use of visiting scientists.

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39 Years A Registrar-In-Waiting

Times may have changed but not fathers-in-waiting, observes Bernard Kluepfel, evening registrar in the Private Admitting Office of Lying-In.

"They still sit and fidget or nervously pace the floor. I've never seen a calm one yet," declares Mr. Kluepfel who has had ample time to make these observations in his nearly 39 years on the staff of Lying-In.

And what happens when he finally can tell them that it's a boy or a girl?

"Oh, they usually pump my hand or throw their arms around me," he says with a smile. "The grandmothers are just as carried away, too."

Mr. Kluepfel still laughs when he remembers the time he had to break the

news — over the phone — to the father of triplets.

"There was a long silence before he asked for further details," he recalls.

Fathers-to-be always find a sympathetic person in Mr. Kluepfel. After all, he's been through it twice himself at Lying-In. His son, a World War II veteran and a Fordham graduate, is now an accountant and his daughter is a secretary.

Although he is one of the oldest-timers on the Center staff, Mr. Kluepfel is not nearly as well-known as some of the others in the 25 year and over class. This is because of his working hours. When most of us are going home at 5 P.M., Mr. Kluepfel's day is just be-

ginning. At 1 A.M. when he leaves for his home in the Bronx, the night registrar takes over, completing the link in the 24-hour daily staffing of this vital office. Mr. Kluepfel hasn't missed a day of work in the past 11 years and during his entire 38 plus years at Lying-In, he's been ill only about 10 days.

Work in an admitting registrar's office is never dull and the 5 P.M. to 1 A.M. "shift" is often the liveliest, for these are the hours of "rush" cases. Mr. Kluepfel can recall cases of babies delivered in taxicabs outside the lobby entrance. Even on a calm evening, the hours fly by what with taking all private and semi-private admissions, picking up the phone to say "mother and baby doing well," explaining bills, and writing as many as twelve birth certificates in an evening.

"Now, there's an example of how times have changed," says Mr. Kluepfel. "When I first came to work at Lying-In, a birth certificate had seven or eight questions; now there are 34 blank spaces. That's really work!"

It was June, 1913, when Mr. Kluepfel came to work as a medical clerk at Lying-In, just a year out of St. Fidilis College, Herman, Pa. He had come to the United States alone at the age of 13 from a small town near Wurzburg, Bavaria, to live with his cousin who taught at St. Fidilis. After graduation,

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THEN AND NOW: (Left) One of Bernard Kluepfel's favorite old photographs is this one of the Lying-In admitting staff taken in 1913 soon after he had gone to work there. If you haven't figured it out for yourself, Mr. Kluepfel is the earnest young man perched on the stool. (Left) The same earnest look is still there 39 years later in this picture of Mr. Kluepfel taken recently at his desk in M-010.





Our Civil Defense test exercise of the evacuation of volunteer ambulatory patients held yesterday (Feb. 14) was a great success. All day personnel of the Center with the exception of operating room and delivery room staffs participated in the test which was a repeat in many respects of a similar exercise held Nov. 14 for those on evening duty.

At 2:30 P.M. when the internal alarm system sounded, all patients, personnel and visitors moved or were moved into the designated shelter areas in the corridors. At 2:45 P.M. the all-clear sounded and patients were returned to their areas. At the moment of the all-clear, members of the house staff initiated the evacuation to Rockefeller Institute of designated volunteers simulating ambulatory patients. Dressed in street clothing and carrying their overcoats as well as a paper bag with dummy chart and their personal belongings, the "patients" were guided by auxiliary workers from the various nursing floors to the Baker Pavilion entrance. Then, in groups of 12, they were delivered to the 68th Street gate of Rockefeller Institute where they were met by Institute personnel who took them to the building for registration and assignment to areas earmarked for dwelling in case of actual emergency.

If you have not already registered for Civil Defense, please do so in Room M-08 or H-017. Upon completion of registration, you will be given your identification card.

Mrs. Julia Izard, nursing aide on G-9, is a new Red Cross first aid instructor at the Center. Mrs. Izard recently completed her instructor's course.

ANY NUMBERS, PLEASE?

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You have probably noticed many improvements that the new directory has over the old one, such as the sturdier laminated cover, the addition of a directory of members of the attending staff with their office addresses and phone numbers, and the easy-to-use triple alphabet thumb index.

Extra copies of the 1951-52 directory may be ordered from General Stores.

"THREE LITTLE MAIDS FROM SCHOOL ARE WE"



With "Mrs. Chase" playing patient, Miss Florence Tritt demonstrates to three Yorkville Vocational High School seniors the proper way to raise a person in bed. The girls are (l. to r.) Charlessetta Austin, H-9; Marion Brinton, G-3, and Theresa Bandelato, M-2. As you can see, poor Mrs. Chase needs a new hand.

Forty high school senior girls are working as nursing aides at The New York Hospital, one of eight hospitals in the city cooperating in an experimental educational program sponsored by the Board of Education and the Greater New York Hospital Association to help alleviate the nurse shortage. A long-range purpose of the program is to interest girls in nursing as a future career.

One group of 18 girls from Yorkville Vocational High School began their duties here on Oct. 28. Another group of 22 came on Feb. 4 from Wadleigh, Washington Irving, Yorkville Vocational and Brooklyn High Schools.

Working in teams of two, the students alternately spend two weeks at the Hospital and double up for two weeks on their required subjects at school. While on the job, they work the regular hours of nursing aides and are paid beginning aides' salaries.

Before coming to the Hospital, the girls have already had such background school courses as nursing arts, home nursing and maternal and child care. After a two week orientation period at

the Hospital under the supervision of Miss Doris Bresnahan, R.N., administrative assistant in charge of auxiliary staff, and her assistant, Miss Florence Tritt, R.N., the girls have been assigned to the various floors.

Miss Bresnahan is most enthusiastic about the way that these girls have fitted "into the Hospital situation." Their duties, as those of our regular nursing aides, include taking temperatures, carrying trays, arranging flowers, bathing patients, and giving back rubs, she explained.

The Board of Education is likewise impressed with the success of the program. Miss Grace Brennan, in charge of the program for the school system, said that these students have actually improved in schoolwork, punctuality, reliability and deportment.

The program in hospitals is a new part of the Board of Education's large co-operative education plan in which 2,500 students last year earned money and gained experience in business and industry.

HOSPI=TALES

News From All Over: The story of our service to the community during the past 131 years was told in a window and inside display of old pictures, surgical instruments, and other mementos at the Bank for Savings, 72nd Street and Third Avenue, during January. . . . *Mrs. David R. Kennedy*, a volunteer for the past two and one-half years, is now assistant to *Mrs. Margaretta Treherne-Thomas*. *Mrs. Kennedy*, who succeeds *Mrs. Frances Guild*, is also serving as secretary of the CD Committee for Volunteer Recruitment and Assignment. . . . *R. Louis Malloy*, our "split personality," is holding his own as Civil Defense Co-ordinator and Administrative Assistant. Would anybody like to donate a pair of roller skates to make his travels speedier between H-213 and M-08? . . . *Sherwood A. Messner*, executive assistant for professional services, is serving on the planning committee and faculty of an Institute on Hospital In-Patient and Out-Patient Admitting Departments being held currently under the sponsorship of the United Hospital Fund and Greater N. Y. Hospital Association. . . . Four new dietetic interns will begin their training in the Nutrition Department this month. Two of the girls, *Anne Scruggs* and *Margaret Wyle*, are coming all the way from Texas State College for Women. *Mary Frances Williams* from Syracuse University and *Jane Shallery* from Iowa State University complete the quartet. . . . The Nutrition Department entertained at a tea recently for *Mabel MacLachlan*, national representative for the American Dietetic Association. . . . Christmas greetings were received by the many friends of *Mrs. Marie Ehn*, formerly of Central Laboratories, who now lives in Norway. . . . The Center's *Dr. Lawrence Hinkle* discussed weight control from a medical viewpoint at a recent joint meeting of the Public Health Section of the New York County Registered Nurse Association and the Welfare and Public Health Section of the American Home-Economic Association. *Mrs. Margery T. Overholser*, our director of public health nursing, arranged the session which also featured a discussion on weight and beauty. . . . That beautiful new aquarium in the N-3 playroom of

Pediatrics O.T. is the gift of *John Brannigan* of the Laundry. Mr. Brannigan, who raises tropical fish as a hobby, also donated some fish. . . . *Helen B. Lincoln*, Record Department chief, gave a paper on "Medical Auditing" at an institute in Baltimore on Jan. 14 sponsored by the American Hospital Association and the Association of Medical Record Librarians. *Helen Dieschbourg*, assistant record librarian, also attended. . . . Our sympathy to *Mrs. Katherine Sear*, secretary in Dr. Hanlon's office, on the recent loss of her husband. . . . The NYH team in the United Hospital Fund drive raised \$226,978.15, topping all hospitals. Sparking the effort were *C. Douglas Dillon* of the Board of Governors, *Mrs. Bliss Parkinson* of the Social Service Committee, and *Mrs. E. Farrar Bateson* of the Ladies Auxiliary of Lying-In. . . . Have you eaten in the noiseless East Dining Room yet? Yep, the ceiling's been soundproofed. The walls are a nice, cool green, too. . . . As of the end of January, 131 young business women have been graduated from our volunteer nurses aide courses. The gals give a minimum of an evening a week to NYH.

Belles and Beaux: *Dr. David H. Baker*, intern in Pediatrics, married *Elizabeth Horn* of Scarsdale this month.

MANY G. WASHINGTONS SLEPT HERE

. . . Six as a matter of fact, but not our first President, we're sorry to report. The first George Washington to become an in-patient at NYH was in the year 1893, according to our Record Room researchers. *Mrs. Edna Rutherford*. Four others bearing that honorable name have been out-patients, she reports.

We'd like to think, however, that General Washington did at sometime set foot in our first hospital down on lower Broadway, for it is recorded that his medical advisor, during the time the nation's capital was in New York, was a member of our attending staff.

. . . Seven future brides in the Nursing School. *Arlene Schultz*, '52 will marry *Harold Berman*, an entomologist, on Feb. 22. *Gloria Delcoff*, '52, plans a June wedding with *Calvin M. Kunin*, third year Cornell Med. *Judy Holland*, '53, is engaged to Corp. Philip Trowbridge, U.S.A.F. and her classmate, *Phyllis Salvati* is betrothed to Corp. Robert A. Kantra of the Army. *Dorothy Vosgian*, '53, is the future wife of *Dale Harro*, a second year Temple Med student. Two members of the freshman class are sporting diamonds, too. *Evelyn Rogers* is the fiancée of *Bronson Chanler*, a Harvard grad, and *Frances Davison*, has one from *John Paradis*, a Syracuse U. alum, who is superintendent of plywood operations for a lumber company in Quebec Province, Canada. . . . *Hazel Heger*, technician on F-12A, will become *Mrs. John Nethercott* in the spring. . . . *Margaret Taylor*, Blood Bank technician, is sporting a diamond given by *Ward O. Griffin, Jr.*, third year Cornell Med. . . . In X-ray, the newest engaged girl is *Mary Mahoney*, secretary, whose fiancé is *Ted Hillerbran*, a Marine. . . . It'll be a June wedding for *Barbara McConnell*, lab technician on H-3. The lucky man is *Harry W. Daniell*, second year CUMC student. . . . *Cynthia Clark*, secretary in Central Labs, is betrothed to *Cadet Dale Swanson* of West Point. The wedding is set for June 7. . . . *Anita Cooper* of Public Relations will middle-aisle it on Feb. 17 with *Richard D. Myer* at the Hope Presbyterian Church, Tarrytown. The couple plan a honeymoon in Bermuda. . . . *Ethel Schwartzberg*, dietitian in the Main Kitchen, has accepted a diamond from *Isadore Maneditz*, a pharmacist. . . . And the diamond that *Emalie Linhart* of Pavilion Admitting, Woman's Clinic, is wearing was a Christmas engagement present from *John Tomik*. . . . "Terry" *Lehrbach*, formerly of Emergency Pavilion nursing staff, became *Mrs. Laurance A. Weber* on Feb. 2 in her home town, Rochester. Her classmate in School of Nursing ('49), *Ursula Promann*, N-5 staffer, was maid of honor. . . . And two nurses on the Lying-In staff took the big step during the holiday season. It's *Mrs. Virginia Stover McCreary* and *Mrs. Dorothy*

Philla Fetherolf now. . . *Mrs. Frances Munoz* of Private Admitting was married on Dec. 5 to *Laurence D. Weaver*, an attorney. . . Cupid was at work in the Chemistry Lab too, concentrating on girls named *Dolores*. *Dolores Fabiano*, technician, is engaged to *John Meskunas*, and *Dolores Clark*, clerk, to *Jerry Twomey*. . . The dietetic interns gave a shower on Jan. 16 for classmate, *Daisy Wain*, who is being married Feb. 23 to *Edward Lee De Kalb* in Ames, Iowa. . . And *Wanda Krueger* of the Telephone Room will become *Mrs. A. D. Lawrence* sometime this Spring; the couple will live in Concord, N. H. . . *Dorothy Ross*, dietitian for the F-2 metabolism unit, will become *Mrs. Austin Jambor* on Feb. 16.

Stork Stops: It was a boy for *Dr. and Mrs. C. Gardner Child, III*, on Jan. 20. . . *Dr. Herbert Kantor*, resident in X-ray, is another proud poppa. The lad's name is *Scott Douglas*.

Congrats: To *Dean Joseph C. Hinsey*, Medical College, on his appointment by President Truman to a 15-man "Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation." The group will survey the nation's total health requirements and recommend ways for meeting them in the immediate and distant future. . . To *Barbara Turkington* and *Percy W. Brooks* of Photography for taking awards at the annual Salon of the New York Chapter, Biological Photographic Association. . . To the following staff nurses who have received promotions recently: *Mary Bielski* and *Margaret Albee*, to head nurse, and *Ann Calvero*, *Margaret Huebner*, *Mildred Burlingame*, *Ann McKeown*, to assistant head nurse.

Hails: To *Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gould*, registrar for admissions in the Nursing School, who succeeds *Mrs. Barbara Oldden Smith*, now living deep in the heart of Jersey. . . To the Nutrition Staff's newest member, *Leaore Mancini* of Scranton, Pa. Miss Mancini is a graduate of Marywood College and took her dietetic internship at Montefiore.

Heard and Seen: Radio and TV have been bringing fame to our nurses and student nurses. On Jan. 14, WNYC's "Teen Topics" program featured a discussion on nursing as a career with *Lucille Wright*, *Jean Swann*, and *Doris Place* giving the answers. . . The annual bridge-bazaar of the Committee for Scholarships which raises funds for

our Nursing School's scholarships was widely heralded with spot announcements on many radio shows and by the appearance of our twin student nurses, *Judy and Joan Holland*, on the *Kathi Norris* TV show on Feb. 5. Did you know that each twin parts her hair differently to make identification easy for us?

NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

The freshman class has elected *Cynthia Cali* president. Other officers are *Inge Gansel* and *Pat Towne*, vice-presidents; *Bernice Kinard*, secretary; *Marjorie Eastwick*, treasurer; *Mary Miller*, Judicial Council representative; *Pat Iuschweiler*, Executive Council representative, and *Lillian McLellan*, Blue Plaidette reporter. . . The girls in the grey uniforms you've seen in the dining rooms are students from Wayne University College of Nursing, Detroit, who are doing their psychiatric affiliation for the first time at Payne Whitney. . . The annual interclass song contest will be held Feb. 19 in the student lounge of the Residence. . . And a Glee Club whose members represent all nursing schools in the city will give a concert in the Residence in April. . . More of those English bone china plates with a picture of the Center for sale by the Class of '52. *Cathy Jones* is chairman of sales. . . On March 18, student artists will exhibit their works in the Residence.

FROM OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

Employees' Reception: All employees of Westchester Division were invited to a reception held Jan. 7 from two to five o'clock. At some time during the afternoon, well over 90% of the Hospital family stopped in to sip fruit punch, sample the pastry chef's best cookies, and chat with friends. Various department heads presided over the punch bowls in relays.

Glad Tidings: *Loretta Mulligan*, secretary to *Andrew J. Delaney*, steward of the Hospital, is engaged to *Angelo di Blasio* of Mount Kisco, an insurance agent. The wedding is planned for the coming summer. . . Another future bride is *Claire Dufault*, an instructor in the Women's O.T. Department. Her fiancé is *Harry D. Clark*, former Westchester Division staffer. . . *I. Stanton Field*, who was laundry manager for 27 years until his retirement in 1948, and *Mrs. Field* recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

THE CEILING'S THE LIMIT



When the 68th Street entrance hall got the "brush-up" recently, our painters had to climb a 32-foot scaffolding to reach the highest paint point. Here, PULSE photographer, *Jack Jackson*, caught *Arvid Christiansson* and *Frank Konicek* way up there. *William Blahnik* stood below to give us an idea of how far up a Hospital painter may have to go to do his job. *Thomas Stempfler*, who was off in another corner at the time the shutter clicked, was the fourth man on the job. It took about 80 gallons of paint to freshen up the main entrance and the waiting room outside the Gift Shop.

With Sympathy: Westchester Division has lost two valued staff members. *Frank McMahon*, assistant engineer, died Dec. 13 after a brief illness. *Anna Livingston*, telephone operator, passed away suddenly on Jan. 27. Miss Livingston was a recipient of a 25-year award last year.

...But The Memory Lingers On

Though nothing is so stale as yesterday's news, THE PULSE staff did not feel that Christmas should fade into memories without recounting some of the events that made the holiday season of 1951 the happiest that the Center has ever seen.

The holidays got off to a good start when the Hospital bade farewell on Dec. 12 to twelve-year-old Owen Seitel, who had spent almost two and one-half years here in an iron lung. To those who had watched and helped Owen win his fight for life, it seemed like a personal triumph when this plucky youngster made it home for Christmas.

There were many other things that made us realize that there is still some good in this big, bad world . . . those 36 boxes of cookies made by the wives of our medical students for patients and staff . . . the cartons of toys and games donated by ten girls who work in the testing laboratory of the J. C. Penney Company . . . the 110 layettes for clinic and pavilion maternity patients from Station WOR's annual Children's Christmas Fund . . . the toys brought in by Brownie Girl Scouts from Troop 510, Brooklyn . . . cuddly dolls in handsome outfits from Miss Helen Staunton and Mrs. John Hay Whitney to mention a few. And by the way, the lighted trees in our courtyards on 70th Street were a gift from the Whitneys.

The fact that there was no decorating contest this year did not dim the enthusiasm and ingenuity of patients and staff. Some of the floors were so outstanding that it was decided to "show them off," anyway. And so, on the Friday following Christmas, six ladies active in the Center's affairs, were taken on a tour of inspection. The group included Mrs. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, Mrs. Nathaniel P. Hill, Mrs. A. Conger Goodyear, Mrs. Blake Lawrence, Mrs. George H. Warren and Mrs. Bliss Parkinson. These unofficial judges decided that H-6, Vincent Astor Diagnostic Service and G-6 were the most outstanding floors and that there was nothing to compare to that eternal wonder, John Crisini's elevator in Pediatrics.

On H-6, with Eleanor Young, head nurse, sparking the effort, staff and patients had combined talents for several months to execute the "Sun Valley"

theme. Even discharged patients had come back to help. Especially outstanding was a tree in the solarium made of green ribbon strung across a venetian blind, its trunk a wire stretched from the top center of the blind to an arm board anchored to the window sill by a sandbag. In Vincent Astor, Mrs. Lois Dickerson and Carroll Fletcher combined talents in a delightful take-off in verse and illustration of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Patients and nurses joined forces on G-6 to illustrate the many verses of the carol. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" on the doors of the rooms. John's elevator was truly an electric wonderland with a picture of the Center at night with lighted windows, a television screen placed at the proper viewing height for young fry, tinkling bells and music boxes.

Another outstanding event of the Christmas season was a pageant featuring 32 student nurses given Dec. 20 in the auditorium of the Residence.

BERNARD KLUEPFEL

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he came to New York to work for another cousin, a builder, but deciding that field was not for him, he applied for a position at Lying-In, then at 17th Street and Second Avenue.

Through promotions, he rose to become head of Lying-In's admitting office and collector and cashier for the ward patient service. He also was in charge of the telephone operators. Until Lying-In moved uptown in 1932 to become part of the Center, Mr. Kluepfel worked days. Since that time he's been on evenings exclusively.

Sometimes, Mr. Kluepfel yearns for the good old days when Lying-In was small and more like a family unit. One of the pleasant intervals in his working day, he says, is when one of the doctors he has known for many years drops by for a chat. His oldest friend on the staff is Dr. Byron H. Goff, whom he first knew as a resident at old Lying-In.

Recently, Mr. Kluepfel approached a young resident with a familiar name and asked if the doctor's father had been an obstetrician, too.

"I got a real bang out of telling him that I knew his father before he was born," chuckled Mr. Kluepfel.

NEW STUDENT RESIDENCE

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lecturers, alumni and parents. The ground floor will be given over to meeting rooms and lounge and office space. The structure will harmonize architecturally with the other Center buildings and will connect with the Medical College via a tunnel under York Avenue.

Presentation of the gift was made by Charles L. Horn of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Olin Foundation, who described it as the largest yet made from the Foundation's funds.

The gift was accepted by Neal Dow Becker, chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees, who said it was one of the largest single benefactions ever received by the university.

Deane W. Malott, Cornell president, described the building as "a magnificent addition to the physical resources of the university" and "a new measure of support for the endless mission of medical education and service through the long years of the future."

Other speakers at the convocation included James O. Wynn of New York, vice president of the Olin Foundation; Hamilton Hadley, vice present of The Society of the New York Hospital; Dr. Connie M. Guion, representing the medical faculty; Dr. Preston A. Wade, representing the medical alumni, and Harrison H. Farley, of Mr. Olin's home town, Alton, a second year student, representing the student body. Dean Joseph C. Hinsey presided.

"PIN-UP BOY"

Dr. Arthur L. Gore, resident in surgery, was named "Pin-Up Boy" for 1951 by the Record Department staff in their fifth annual selection of a doctor for this honor. Dr. Gore received his "Oscar," a wallet, at the department's Christmas party.

While pin-up boys *may* have the qualities that make women sigh, these are not the particular charms that endear them to the Record Room lassies. Cooperation, pleasantness and efficiency in getting records dictated are what counts.

P.S. The girls *do* sigh when Dr. Gore goes by.